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PRICE LIST

...OF...

RAILROAD VIEW FRUIT FARM.

Strawberry, Raspberry and Blackberry Plants,
and the Celebrated Freeman Potatoes.

Strawberry Plants a Specialty.

IN AGAIN sending out our annual catalogue and price list for 1894, of small fruits, we take pleasure in stating that the past season, the great "World's Fair year," has witnessed a great growth in our plant trade—much exceeding our expectations—for which we thank our patrons one and all.

OUR PLANTS now go to all sections of the United States and Canada. Unsolicited testimonials from all quarters of the country (a few of which we publish) serve to show the quality of stock and manner of packing noted by customers. We fully appreciate the many kind words received and shall endeavor to merit the continuance of your good will. Our increasing trade has rendered it necessary to enlarge our packing-house, the capacity of which has been doubled, consequently we are better prepared than ever before to meet the demand of 1894 with good service.

OUR LOCATION in the "Great Fruit Belt" of southwestern Michigan (just opposite the vanishing beautiful White City) gives us the best of facilities for reaching *all sections* of the country; promptly, by *mail, express and freight*. Being nearly centrally located east and west, we can send with equal safety to the ocean either way.

OUR STOCK is *first-class* in every respect.- Our strawberry plants *especially* are about twice the size of those usually sent out by nurseries all over the country. (Please note some of the testimonials received.) We do not wish it understood that because our prices are low our stock is of that puny kind so generally sent out by parties in New Jersey, Maryland and Delaware. Many of the best nurseries in the country buy it to sell again and pronounce it the *best ever received*.

VARIETIES. While we have not as long a list of varieties to confuse as some, we claim to have the best, which is what customers generally want. Having been a fruit grower for nearly twenty years, we endeavor to keep abreast of the times in regard

to varieties of merit. The last few years, growing plants for market has been our specialty.

OUR PRICES will be found to be only about *one-half* as high on many varieties as most of the dealers in the country. As our soil is especially adapted to growing the *finest quality* of plants and having our own *packing moss*, on our own premises, we are enabled to give customers the benefit of very low prices for first-class stock.

BOXING AND PACKING. We use good, strong boxes for freight, and lighter ones and *handled baskets* for express, and pack in *moss*, in the *best manner*, for which we make *no charge*. The packing is under our own supervision.

BY MAIL. The reduction in postage enables us to place in the hands of customers at a long distance first-class plants cheaper than they could be bought at their nearest nursery. Parties can thus get a few of a kind at very small cost and thus get a start with many of the newer varieties.

BY EXPRESS. This is the method most commonly adopted for reaching distant parts of the country. There is no delay, as sometimes happens by freight, but of course the expense is much heavier.

BY FREIGHT. Our system of packing enables us to safely send large quantities of plants long distances by fast freight at very small cost. Nearly all of the plants bought of us by nurseries all over the country, to sell again, are ordered sent by freight. As nurseries generally grow but a small portion of the plants they sell, we furnish them large quantities which should be ordered early to go by freight, the risks to be taken by the purchaser, as it is immaterial to us which method is adopted.

OUR TRADE. Our fruit plant trade was heavier the past year than in any two years heretofore and an increased acreage gives us the largest stock for 1894 that we ever had, the plants being *especially fine*.

WHEN TO ORDER. *Early by all means—the earlier the better.* If anything more is needed it can be added later. *Liberal discounts* are also given on *early orders* as well as large ones. *Early* the stock is full, when later many varieties are exhausted. *Do not wait till the rush comes* but make out a list of stock wanted and send it in *at once*. If not prepared to send *all* of the money, send a *part*—the balance before shipment. No order booked unless accompanied by a remittance.

WHILE we take the greatest pains to have our stock *pure* and *unmixed*, and *true to name*, mistakes will sometimes occur and if found to be our fault we will either replace stock not found true to name or refund the money. In no case is our liability to be greater than amount paid for stock.

WE commence to ship last of March or first of April according to the weather.

MONEY can be sent by draft on New York or Chicago, Express Money Order, Postoffice Money Order or Registered Letter.

Do not send checks on country banks as there will be exchange to pay which will be charged to buyer.

Inquiries cheerfully answered.

If more than one catalogue should be received please hand same to some neighbor and oblige.

STRAWBERRIES.

THE STRAWBERRY IS OUR SPECIALTY. Although the past season has been a poor one for strawberries to make a great amount of plants, on account of the extreme drouth, (reports received from many sections of the country report it the "poorest plant season for years,") still by an increased acreage we have the largest stock of *extra fine plants* that we ever had, the early September rains and long continued warm weather being conducive to the best development of root growth. While the *number* of plants to the acre, on many acres, is not what we would like we can truthfully say that the *quality* was never better.

SOIL FOR STRAWBERRIES. Almost any soil that will grow good field crops will grow strawberries—good, rich, well-drained sandy loam preferred. For general field culture, plant rows from three and one-half to four feet apart—plants from one and one-half to two feet apart in the row, according to habit of the plant. Plant every fourth row to staminate variety.

—:VARIETIES:—

✓ MICHEL'S EARLY (S.) One of the earliest varieties grown, the plant is a very robust grower, strong and healthy, although plant is rather small; one of the best of the early fertilizers, as it blossoms early and late. Fruit is of medium size and good quality. Some growers that can grow *very early* berries make much money on this variety alone. It did well for us last year; have a large stock of this variety and place the prices very low. 25c per dozen; 40c per hundred; \$2 per thousand. *30c*

✓ CRESCENT (Improved) (P.) The standard of productiveness all over the country; succeeds everywhere, stands neglect best of any. Plant small, berries fair size, bright and attractive, not very firm. Many growers still consider this the most profitable berry for market. A few years ago a new berry was introduced into this section which proved to be an *improved Crescent*. We sold more plants of this variety last year than any other except Warfield. We have a large stock of extra fine plants and quote them 20c per dozen; 40c per hundred. \$2 per thousand. *70c*

✓ WARFIELD (P.) This is a grand berry and has worked its way right to the front without the boom given to some varieties. We sold more of this variety than of any other last year. The plants are small, much resembling "Crescent;" but berry is much firmer, of a dark, glossy red, very tough skin, larger than Wilson, an enormous bearer and splended shipper; nearly as early with us as

Crescent and makes plants equally as fast; one of the *very best* of the newer, well-tested sorts. This variety requires to be fertilized about every third row, for best results. We have an enormous stock of this variety and place the price very low. 20c per dozen, 50c per hundred; \$2.50 per thousand. 5000 or more in one lot \$2.25 per thousand.

✓ HAVERLAND (P.) Exceedingly productive, fruit large and very fine but rather soft for a very distant market; one of the most popular of the new well tested varieties; withstands the drought better than most kinds; color rather light, season early. 25c per dozen; 50c per hundred; \$3 per thousand. *45c*

EDGAR QUEEN (P.) (New.) A strong, healthy growing variety, of the "Sharpless" type but more productive. Fruit large, uniform, good quality, moderately firm, very desirable, season medium, was first introduced in 1890. The introducer says: "It is the largest, the most productive and the finest in quality of any variety that I have ever grown, being my one *selection* from over 4,000 seedlings that I have grown and tested in the last seven years." We obtained our stock of the originator in 1891 and fruited it two years, and are much pleased with it. 40c per dozen; 60c per hundred; \$4 per thousand. *60c*

✓ WILSON (S.) Too well-known to need any description—once the most popular variety in the country, now superceded by others in many sections. Very firm, a good shipper and fertilizer. 25c per dozen; 40c per hundred; \$2.75 per thousand. *60c*

✓ EUREKA (P.) This is a very beautiful large crimson berry, strong, healthy foliage, ripens late. This is one of the best late market strawberries. Yields large crops, flesh firm, a good shipper, plants are great runners. 25c per dozen; 50c per hundred; \$3 per thousand. *45c*

✓ GANDY (S.) This is one of the leading late varieties with fruit growers all over the country. The plant is a strong grower, fruit large and firm but does not yield very heavy; requires strong soil and fertilizers to do its best, but being very late is profitable on that account. 25c per dozen; 50c per hundred; \$3 per thousand. *45c*

✓ MANCHESTER (P.) A strong thrifty plant, color dark rich green, season very late, very profitable some seasons, berry large and productive and good shipper, but on account of its liability to rust not safe to plant extensively. 25c per dozen; 50c per hundred; \$3 per thousand. *45c*

✓ BURT (S.) Very productive, good shipper, good fertilizer for late varieties. foliage a glossy green, season late, fruit fair size and quality. 25c per dozen; 60c per hundred; \$3.75 per thousand.

✓ LOUISE (S.) Its large size and attractive appearance renders this a very desirable berry; quality good, produces well. 20c per dozen; 50c per hundred; \$3 per thousand. *45c*

JESSIE (S.) This berry has had a big boom, does not seem to be adapted to all kinds of soil, is after the "Sharpless" type, being a seedling of that berry. It is a splendid fertilizer, good quality

and good color, but with me it is not a heavy cropper and tender like "Sharpless." 20c per dozen; 40c per hundred; \$2.75 per thousand.

✓ SHARPLESS (S.) One of the old well-known varieties adapted to clay or moist soil. Very large and of good quality, but blossoms are very tender, liable to kill with spring frosts; a good fertilizer. It pays to protect its blossoms in spring by a mulch. 25c per dozen; 50c per hundred; \$3 per thousand. *45c*

✓ LADY RUSK (P.) Of very thrifty growth, making plants plentifully, produces a crop of good-sized firm berries that have a tendency to dry up, instead of rot; quality good, season medium, very profitable in some localities, seems to do best on heavy, moist ground. 30c per dozen; 50c per hundred; \$3 per thousand. *40c*

X WESTBROOK (P.) (New.) Plants strong growers like "Wilson;" earlier than "Crescent," but berries too small to suit us. The originator claims to have eighty acres in bearing. 40c per dozen; \$1 per hundred.

E. P. ROE (S.) Introduced in 1892. Originated in Newburg, N. Y. Described as very late, fruit resembles Kentucky in shape but is one-third larger and entirely distinct from that variety, being nearly twice as productive, covering the surface with large, uniform and firm fruit. Does not come up to our expectations. 60c per dozen.

BUBACH (P.) This is a great favorite with some. The plant is very large and fine looking but a slow plant maker. The berry large and showy but poor color; does not stand drought as well as some. I have a much larger stock this year and hope to supply all. 25c per dozen; 50c per hundred; \$3.25 per thousand.

✓ PARKER EARLE (S.) This berry still takes the lead for productiveness. Plant very robust, strong and healthy; endures extremes of heat and cold; roots very long, berry regular, conical, medium size, glossy crimson with short neck; flesh firm, seeds prominent, *good shipper*, season *late*. It is astonishing the amount of berries that this variety will produce. At the *fifth* picking last season our best pickers gathered a case ($\frac{1}{2}$ bushel) in less than an hour. While recommended for *light soil*, we have always grown it on *rich, moist* ground with the best of results. The Michigan Experimental Station has for years placed it at the head of the list. E. W. Reid says; "I find it the best berry on our farm." Our stock of plants was received direct from the introducer three years ago. We have an *extra large and fine* stock of plants for the spring of '95 and have *reduced the price one half*. 40c per dozen; \$1 per hundred; \$4.75 per thousand. *71c*

✓ BEDER WOOD (S.) This is a comparatively new variety, originated by Beder Wood, of Illinois. We fruited it last season and found it to be a *heavy bearer*, of good sized roundish fruit (about as fine as Bubach) season *early*, a good staminant to fertilize early varieties like Crescent and Warfield. We could not supply the demand for plants last year. New York Experimental Station of '92 says: "The Beder Wood the most productive vari-

ety here this season." M. Crawford says in his strawberry report: "This berry, all things considered, is the very best berry that has ever fruited with me. The plant is a good healthy grower and sends out a large number of runners. 40c per dozen; 60c per hundred; \$3.75 per thousand.

LOVETT'S EARLY. Introduced by the J. T. Lovett Co. three years ago. We fruited it last year and while it is not as early as claimed we consider it one of the *very best* of the staminates. It bears an *immense crop* of *good-sized, firm* and good colored berries; plants are beautiful dark green and glossy; splendid runner; splendid fertilizer. We shall use it this season for Crescent and Warfield quite extensively. We find it well-spoken of *all over the country*, in 1893 reports. 40c per dozen; 60c per hundred; \$3.50 per thousand.

ENHANCE (S.) The berries are large like Sharpless, but firmer. The plants are strong, healthy growers; season about medium with us. Well spoken of by growers all over the country. Should have good soil. 40c per dozen; 80c per hundred; \$5 per thousand.

BARTON'S ECLIPSE (P.) (New.) A seedling of Longfellow. I have fruited this one year and am much pleased with it. The fruit is of good size and nearly always of good form. Will endure a good deal of handling, having a firm skin and slight neck; good color and a good runner. 50c per dozen; \$1 per hundred; \$8 per thousand.

STAMENS NO. 1, (P.) This is a healthy growing plant but a poor plant maker; produces well and quality of fruit is good, but do not get heavy row enough; season medium. 40c per dozen; 60c per hundred.

SANDOVAL (S.) This was introduced as Warfield No. 1. The name "Sandoval" was given it by the Southern Illinois Horticultural Society, at Centralia, in 1891, Warfield No. 2 being now simply Warfield. The following is what the originator says of it: "A well tried variety, has been fruited seven years. It is a perfect blossom, full of pollen and makes the best I have tried as a fertilizer for my No. 2. Plant heavily rooted, with an abundance of fruit stems; well loaded with berries, larger than Wilson and its equal in all respects. Persons having my No. 2 should try Sandoval, or No. 1. They will not regret it." Season early—it rusted some with us the past season. 40c per dozen; 80c per hundred; \$5 per thousand.

MRS. CLEVELAND (P.) Introduced two years ago. In vigorous growth it is seldom equaled. Plant large, free from rust; fruit large and uniform; attractive scarlet, color, fairly firm, fine flavor, has given good satisfaction over a wide range of country. Less injured by frost than most varieties. 40c per dozen; 80c per hundred.

LEADER (S.) (New.) Introduced in 1892, by a firm in Massachusetts, at \$2 per dozen and \$10 per hundred. Was awarded three prizes by the Massachusetts Horticultural Society. It is of large size, firm, beautiful form, colors all at once—no green noses. 80c per dozen.

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✓ VAN DEMAN (S.) This is the new *very early* perfect flowering variety, claimed to be the *only berry* ever introduced on the verdict of the Experimental Stations alone, it having been on trial at all stations all over the country. Their verdict seems to be almost universally favorable. It is a seedling of Crescent crossed with Capt. Jack. We bought fifty plants two years ago for \$8, no person being allowed to buy a greater amount. It seems to be very promising. 50c per dozen; \$1.75 per hundred; \$15 per thousand.

✓ GREENVILLE (P.) The Greenville strawberry is an accidental seedling found on the fruit farm of E. M. Buechly, of Greenville, Ohio., in the spring of '83. It fruited so successfully the first season after starting that he propogated it in a small way and tried it further. After a fair trial it was found so valuable that he has, for the last two years, planted more of it than all other sorts together. Berries of large size, good quality, medium texture, very productive, season medium to late, color very even and fine, flower pistillate, plants very vigorous and free from rust.

The reports upon this variety are very favorable the first season from all over the country. I give a few from reliable sources: E. J. Scofield, the reliable Wisconsin plant man, says: "Out of forty varieties I give it *first place* for productiveness. For hardiness, shape and color it is all that could be desired and for quality and aroma it is simply delicious."

In November I received a letter from Mesh Cassel, of Ohio, manager of the Cassel Nurseries. He says: "I have watched the "Greenville" for five years; it is an improved Bubach—not quite so large but firmer and more productive; not so liable to be knotty. I believe it to have a great future."

Under date of July 17, 1893, G. W. Tryon, of Tryonville, Pa., writes: "As regards "Greenville" strawberry as a matter of course I had expected a good showing from it, from the fact that I had seen so many favorable reports from it, but must say that it has far exceeded my expectations. The plants are vigorous and very productive. Berries of fine flavor and uniformly large. Surely the "Greenville" has come to stay."

I make no exception in recommending it as the **BEST** strawberry for either the **MARKET OR HOME GARDEN**.—GEO. C. BUTZ, Horticulturalist Pennsylvania Agricultural Experiment Station.

LAFAYETTE, Ind., July 9, 1893.

"The Greenville strawberry still maintains its reputation for size and productiveness and in comparing it with our other varieties "Greenville" was among the best."—J. TROPP, Horticulturalist Experiment Station.

"Greenville plants strong and vigorous, very free from rust. Ripe June 22. Productiveness 9.6 (on a scale of 10); size medium to large; shape round conical; large berries—often corrugated: color light crimson; quality 8; firmness medium. While we have some berries that excel it here in productiveness and size, as a whole it is one of the most promising grown."—L. R. TAFT, Horticulturalist Michigan Agricultural Experiment Station, July 3, 1893.

"Plants vigorous, very healthy, crop fine, size medium to large, quality fair, very promising."—ARTHUR BRYANT, Princeton, Ill., Experiment Station, July 6, 1893.

This variety was introduced last year. I bought 1000 of the plants of the introducer paying him \$60 and the express. I have a splendid stock of these plants which I list as follows: 75c per dozen; \$2 per hundred; \$15 per thousand. *2.25*

SMITH'S SEEDLING (S.) This is a new staminate variety of great merit, introduced last year by Coe & Converse, of Wisconsin, at \$30 per 1000. I bought a good stock of plants of this variety last year of the introducers, also of the originator, Mr. Smith, of Wisconsin. I was very much pleased with the growth of the plants. They are very large and healthy runners and berries that were allowed to ripen were very large, nearly round and firm, color dark, rich, much like Warfield; season late, very heavy bearer. 60c per dozen; \$1.50 per hundred; \$10 per thousand. *1.50*

COXCOMB (S.) This is a large rank growing plant, much resembling Sharpless but larger berries; a splendid fertilizer for late pistillates; a good yielder, berries quite uneven, firm for so large a berry, a great favorite in this section. 40c per dozen; \$1 per hundred; \$4 per thousand. *60c*

GOV. HOARD (S.) Not fruited with me yet. M. Crawford says of it: The plant is strong and healthy, free from rust and very productive; the blossom is perfect and the fruit ripens quite early; berries large, roundish, conical, slightly flattened and usually necked; color deep, brilliant red. The flesh is firm and of a rich, agreeable flavor. I think this berry will disappoint no one. 40c per dozen; \$1 per hundred. *1.50*

STANDARD (S.) Not fruited with us yet, but highly spoken of, season medium. 40c per dozen; 80c per hundred. *1.50*

SAUNDER'S (S.) Originated by John Little, of Canada. This has been tested in many localities and found to be a valuable market berry. A good grower and heavy bearer. Fruit large, conical dark, glossy red; quality good, season medium. 40c per dozen; \$1 per hundred. *1.50*

GILLISPIE (S.) (New.) A seedling of Haverland, very highly spoken of, not fruited with us yet; season medium. 50c per dozen. *1.50*

PRINCESS (P.) Originated in Minnesota. M. Crawford says: "It is one of the most desirable market berries ever produced. large size, round, attractive looking and abundant bearer. No one is likely to make a mistake in planting it." 50c. per dozen; \$1.50 per hundred. *1.50*

DEW (S.) Originated near Lansing, Mich. Not fruited with us yet. The Practical Farmer says: "A wonderful berry, very early, will become one of the most popular sorts with growers. The plant is strong with large foliage, of a very dark green. Fruit large and very firm, of a dark glossy red, perfect in shape, should be planted by all that can grow berries and want the best that can be grown." 60c per dozen; \$1.50 per hundred. *1.50*

SHUSTER'S GEM (P.) Unusually strong and vigorous plant

with bright and healthy foliage. Fruit good size, regular and uniform, bright scarlet, excellent, only moderately firm, not adapted to a distant market, medium early, will do well on most any soil and location. 40c per dozen; 80c per hundred; \$5 per thousand.

BEVERLY (S.) Another new berry of great promise. Originated in Massachusetts is a seedling of Miner's Prolific. Season medium to late, bears a long time, holds out well to the last. large size, regular form, often a little uneven on the surface, dark glossy red, flesh firm and good. No bad reports from this berry last year. 50c per dozen; \$1.50 per hundred.

OREGON EVERBEARING (S.) Its claims are the best everbearing variety ever introduced. 50c per dozen; \$1 per hundred.

CHILDS' (S.) Introduced two years ago by the well-known seed-man John Lewis Childs, of Floral Park, N. Y. It is a good grower. Mr. Childs says: "It's the largest and handsomest sort grown, a free grower, robust, hardy, vigorous; plant it and you will surely get the handsomest berries you ever saw." 50c per dozen; \$1.50 per hundred; \$10 per thousand.

TIMBRELL (P.) This strawberry was introduced last year and from all accounts is to take a leading place in the strawberry world. The demand for plants last year from the introducer was greater than the suply. E. S. Carman, editor of *Rural New Yorker*, says: "The Timbrell as judged by me, all things considered, is the *best berry I ever tried.*" The plant is a good grower. The fruit is round and of good size, firm, a good shipper, season very late, good quality. \$2 per dozen; \$10 per hundred.

Varieties marked P are "Pistillate," and should have about every fourth row set to some staminate variety for a fertilizer. Those marked S are "Staminate," and good fertilizers. Set early staminates with early pistillates and late with late, etc.

Six at dozen, 50 at 100 and 500 at 1000 rates. At dozen rates we pay the postage. At 100 rates to go by mail add 25c to each hundred; at hundred and thousand rates to go by express or freight, charges are to be paid by purchaser. It costs no more to pay on receipt of goods than on shipment, but I have to guarantee all charges. When ordering please state how you wish your plants sent. When not stated I use my best judgment for your interests, and generally hit it. Those ordering early receive a discount. Do not wait till the busy season as many orders cannot be filled in full then, as some varieties will be exhausted. *Order now.*

EARLY ORDERS FOR STRAWBERRIES.

As it is a great saving in expense to many purchasers to have their strawberry plants shipped by freight, instead of express, we would recommend *ordering early*, and if the ground is not in condition to plant when they arrive—too wet, or not prepared—a very easy method can be used to keep them, which will be a great benefit to the plants, as follows: Take each variety, a bunch at a time, cut string and spread roots very thinly along the side of a shallow furrow, then cover roots with dirt, not higher than the crown of the plants. Give partial shade and if ground is dry water the roots

only. In a few days they will have taken hold, or rather sent out little white fibrous roots, and will be in better condition for transplanting than at first. This method is sometimes recommended for strawberries even when ground is in condition or could be ready to plant when they arrive. So do not wait until late in the season when the strawberries have started to grow, and then have them shipped by freight, as after they have started to grow it is not as safe to send by freight.

RASPBERRIES.

✓ CUTHBERT (Red.) This is the leading late market variety all over the country, strong grower, very productive, fruit firm, large size and of good quality; season medium to late. 35c per dozen; 75c per hundred; \$4.50 per thousand; 5,000 or more in one lot \$4 per thousand.

✓ HANSELL (Red.) One of the earliest red raspberries, very profitable on this account, berries good size, attractive color, and firm, canes rather small but very hardy and very productive, tough healthy foliage. 35c per dozen; 75c per hundred; \$4.50 per thousand.

BRANDYWINE (Red.) This is one of the very popular older kinds, canes rather small but enormously productive, berries medium size, very firm, bright color, stands shipping best of any, very profitable variety, quality not as good as some. 35c per dozen; 75c per hundred; \$4.50 per thousand.

✓ MARLBORO (Red.) This is one of the best of the newer and well-tested varieties, fruit very large, bright scarlet, excellent flavor, good shipper, season early, enormously productive. 35c per dozen; 75c per hundred; \$5.50 per thousand.

GREGG (Cap.) This is the very best of the late black caps. wants good soil to produce best results, fruit very fine and covered with bloom. It is the leading market variety, best for evaporating, of any variety, as it is said to give most pounds to the bushel of any kind. 35c per dozen; 85c per hundred; \$6.25 per thousand.

SOUHEGAN (Cap.) One of the best known early sorts. It ripens its entire crop in a very short time, canes hardy, with healthy foliage, very productive, berries jet black and of good quality, firm, good shipper. 35c per dozen; 75c per hundred; \$5.75 per thousand.

PALMER (Cap.) This is the new black cap that has come to the front as the best early black yet ever introduced. Was introduced in 1889. M. Crawford says: "It is undoubtedly the most desirable early variety before the public. It is a luxuriant grower, healthy, hardy and wonderfully prolific. One of the earliest to ripen and matures its whole crop in a short time. The berries are jet black and of good quality." Our stock is very fine. 50c per dozen; \$1.50 per hundred; \$9 per thousand.

✓ OLDER (Cap.) Last year I received from the introducer a fine

stock of this new, well-tested variety which has made a fine lot of plants. The introducer says: "They will yield from 50 to 500 per cent. more than any other." Its superiority over all other varieties is: 1st—Its hardiness to withstand northern winters; 2nd—It is perfectly drought proof; always ripens all its fruit into fine, luscious berries; 3rd—Will produce more fruit to the yard or row than any other—it ripens its fruit from six to ten days in advance of Gregg; 4th—Berries are without bloom, therefore coal black with thickest and darkest juice, and smallest seed of any black cap. Therefore, the best for table use, pies or canning; 5th—The canes are more easily managed, make a more even row, with more bearing surface, needs no supports and never blow down; 6th—Fruit will hang longer on vines after ripe, and will stand more rain and wind without injury than any other known black cap.

WHAT OTHERS SAY OF THE OLDER RASPBERRY.

Warren Gray, of Wisconsin, says: "I never saw anything like it in bush, yield and fruit."

Mr. McGehon, of Iowa, says: "They yield 50 per cent. more than any other berry on my ground."

Prof. Budd, of Iowa Agricultural Station, says: "They are the best cap berry ever tried on our ground and are the best to can."

Joseph Dobbler, of Warren, says: "They yield on my ground 8000 quarts per acre."

E. J. Scofield, of Hanover, Wis., says: "Mr. Dobler's patch beats all that I ever saw."

Levi Buser says: "Older berries are all we have; others dry up."

J. T. Lovett says: "They are distinct from all other black-caps, in bush and fruit; are very large, coal black, smallest seeds, will endure more cold, stand more drought, and fruit does not dry on vines."

75c per dozen; \$1.50 per hundred; \$12 per thousand.

✓ **SHAFFER'S COLOSSAL (Cap.)** An immense raspberry in both cane and fruit, equally adapted to the north or south. Enormously productive. Berries are large, of a purplish color, but luscious and rich.

T. B. Terry says: "Again the Shaffer has done wonderfully well with us. Our two rows, about six rods long, have given us berries by the bushel of very large size."

Although classed with the reds it does not sucker like them; grows from the tips the same as black caps. 75c per dozen; \$1.50 per hundred.

MUSKINGUM. Ohio Experiment Station says: "A new variety much resembling Shaffer but plants are smaller and more compact, and fruit is somewhat smaller but firmer." 75c per dozen.

JAPANESE WINEBERRY. This is a novelty with us. It is similar in firmness to the red and in size to the black caps; it roots from the tips, very productive. 10c each; 75c per dozen; free by mail.

Six at dozen, 50 at 100 and 500 at 1000 rates. At dozen rates we pay postage. At hundred and thousand rates, by express or freight, charges to be paid by purchaser.

BLACKBERRIES.

✓ SNYDER. Very popular for the north and northwest, on account of its extreme hardiness; wonderfully productive, size medium, fruit juicy and sweet, without the hard core of many sorts, canes remarkably strong and thrifty, more largely planted than any other of the iron-clad varieties, season early. 50c per dozen; \$1 per hundred; \$6.75 per thousand.

KITTATINNY. Unexcelled for main crop. Berries large, handsome and of delicious flavor; canes strong, erect and very productive, season medium, needs some protection in the extreme north. 50c per dozen; \$1 per hundred; \$5.75 per thousand.

TAYLOR'S POLIFIC. Nearly hardy as "Snyder," with berries larger and of fine quality, sweet and juicy, canes of strong growth, of especial value for planting at the north, suited to low, moist ground. canes are of greenish yellow. I have a fine stock of this variety which usually sells at from \$10 to \$12 per thousand. 50c per dozen; \$1 per hundred; \$4 per half thousand; \$7.85 per thousand.

EARLY HARVEST. One of the earliest blackberries in cultivation, a compact dwarf grower, fruit rather small and of good quality, heavy bearer. Its extreme earliness makes it a very profitable variety; not hardy. Has to be laid down. 50c per dozen; \$1 per hundred; \$6.75 per thousand.

WILSON'S EARLY. One of the very largest and most productive of the early sort, produces fruit in large clusters, sweet as soon as black, holds its color well after picking, needs protection at the north. 50c per dozen; \$1 per hundred; \$7.50 per thousand.

LAWTON. Too well known to need description, old and reliable, productive, season late. 50c per dozen; \$1 per hundred; \$6.50 per thousand.

ERIE. (New.) Resembles "Lawton" in form and productivity, but ripens earlier and is "iron-clad," fruit shiny jet black, root cutting plants, delicious flavor. 60c per dozen; \$1.50 per hundred.

ELDORADO. Will be introduced the coming spring. It is said to be as hardy as Snyder, berry much larger and of best quality. Has been cultivated twelve years and never winter killed. H. E. VanDeman, National Pomologist, says: "Never have I tasted anything to equal Eldorado." Having purchased a stock of plants of the introducer I offer it at his prices, viz. 40c each; \$3.00 per dozen; \$20 per hundred.

Six at dozen, 50 at 100 and 500 at 1000 rates. At dozen rates we pay postage; at hundred and thousand rates, by express or freight, charges to be paid by purchaser.

RED Currants.

VICTORIA. We have a few thousand of one-year old plants of this vigorous late variety that is coming more to the front every year. It is now considered the most valuable of any of the older sorts. Is not affected by the borer like some of the others. 50c per dozen; \$2.50 per hundred; \$20 per thousand.

BLACK Currants.

LEE'S NEW PROLIFIC. Acknowledged to be the best black currant grown, early and large and very productive, good quality. I have a few hundred extra fine, one-year old plants. 60c per dozen; \$2.50 per hundred. Also some fine two-year-olds at \$3.50 per hundred.

SEED POTATOES.

Owing to the great increase in our plant trade we have discontinued the seed potato branch and only offer for the coming season a few barrels of the famous Freeman potato—without doubt the most famous potato in the United States today. T. B. Terry, the best potato authority in the United States, pronounces the Freeman the greatest potato ever introduced. He grew over 300 bushel from one barrel of seed. It was introduced by Wm. Henry Maute, of Philadelphia, Pa. Pages could be filled in its favor. 50c per $\frac{1}{2}$ peck; 75c per peck; \$1.25 per $\frac{1}{2}$ bushel; \$2.25 per bushel; \$5.25 per barrel. Our barrels hold 165 pounds. Packages free.

REFERENCES: To our standing and reliability we refer to the Postmaster, Express Agent or any merchant in Bridgman; Chas. H. Whitecomb, Sheriff, and Joel H. Gillette, Register of Deeds, of Berrien county, Berrien Springs, and Leonard J. Merchant, editor and proprietor of the St. Joseph SATURDAY HERALD.

O. A. E. BALDWIN,
BRIDGMAN, Berrien county, Michigan.

UNSOLICITED TESTIMONIALS.

Elsie, Mich., April 28, 1893. Plants came today. 2,000 Parker Earle. They had been clear around by *Benzie Co.*, (by freight) and were 13 days on the road but came through in good condition,
I. A. WOOLL.

Warren, Ohio, May 3, 1893. Plants came next day after writing. Although two weeks on the road by freight and two days at depot they were all nice and *fresh*. Beder Wood and Improved Crescent and Warfield were *fine*. Edgar Queen and Enhance *splendid* and Parker Earle simply *magnificent*. Thanks for liberal count.
O. C. PHELPS.

Perry Co., Ind., April 26, 1893. I set the 8,000 strawberry plants today and must say I never saw such fine plants, especially the Haverlands. Many thanks for extras. S. G. REYNOLDS.

Johnson Co., Neb., June 15, 1893. Everything came in good order.
A. GAISER & Co.

Pittsfield, Ill., Feb. 13, 1893. Enclosed find draft for \$20. * * * How do you dig your plants? It would cost us more to *dig* than your prices are. Send by freight.
A. S. ARCHER.

Ogden, Kansas, April 24, 1893. Plants received and set out. I have handled strawberry plants for nearly 30 years and I never saw finer plants. Thanks for liberal count.
E. L. KEECH.

Des Moines, Iowa, May 2, 1893. Please fill enclosed order at once and send by freight. The plants I received from you last year were so *fine* I try you again.
K. H. GUTHRIE.

Fremont Co., Colorado, April 27, 1893. Your letter with two of the shipping bills (freight) received. "Valuation released to \$5 per hundred pounds." Thanks. Saved me \$14 by freight. Have not yet received shipping bill of last shipment. Received of the Beder Woods 9,100. Would have liked more of those; did not have enough to fill my orders. I am *well satisfied* with the plants. They were in *good condition*. I even kept some of the plants until today; finished planting, being 19 days out of the ground; will probably want more plants another year.
E. F. JEWETT.

Oskosh, Wis., April 22, 1893. Received plants in first rate order.
SCOTT CAMERON.

Amherstbury, Ontario, April 28, 1893. Plants received in *splendid condition*; am well pleased with them.
A. K. WALKER.

Great Barrington, Mass., May 16, 1893. Received the strawberry plants in perfect condition. They are just *lovely*. Thanks.
MRS. MARTHA A. BUSBY.

Clinton Co., N. Y., April 26, 1893. Received plants last night. They are fine plants. Received catalogue some time ago and your prices are right.
E. M. LAVIYNE.

Andrew Co., Mo., May 22, 1893. The strawberry plants you sent us arrived in good condition and are the *finest roots* I ever saw.
R. J. VANBUSKIRK & SON.

Camp Colorado, Texas, May 11, 1893. Received from you some time ago a lot of strawberry plants, (Parker Earle). They were so dry when received thought it doubtful whether they would grow, but when set out I never saw such growth as they have taken on. I think they are the very berry for this section.
JESSE JOHNSON.

Ruralla Co., Montana, May 8, 1893. I received the plants ordered of you *by freight* the day I wrote last. They were in *excellent condition* and looked as fresh and thrifty as though just taken from

the ground. I am well pleased with all of the varieties except Taylor B. B.; many of them were poorly rooted. Thanks for promptness.

S. KIRK.

Milan, Tenn., April 18, 1893. Received one box of the strawberry plants, 1,000 B. W. and 3,750 Warfield. They were nice.

MRS. O. M. PHILLIPS.

Sydney, C. B., Nova Scotia, May 17, 1893. The strawberry plants arrived by express on the 16th in good order. I was much surprised and pleased with both quality and quantity.

MRS. T. L. INGRAHAM.

Erie Co., Pa., May 5, 1893. I found the lost plants at Albion, 7 miles from my place; 16 days on the road. I expected they would be all spoiled, but they are in good condition except the largest case of Crescents. They are sprouted bad, but the roots are not hurt. Your packing is No. 1. When I get more shall have them come via L. S. & M. S. Then with your packing they will come O. K. by freight.

C. E. LLOYD.

Nov. 25, 1893. Plants that I got of you did quite well. I think your plants do well here for the change; shall want a large amount in the spring.

C. E. L.

Jackson Co., Mich., May 7, 1893. I drop you a line to let you know how I liked your plants. They were very nice and my customers were more than pleased with them.

J. E. Vining.

Marion Co., Ind., May 13, 1893. I received first shipment of plants the 4th, balance the 10th (11,500). They were in splendid condition and the finest plants I ever received. They are all growing nicely.

JERRY GRAY.

Dayton, Ohio, Apr. 22, 1893. After opening the boxes I found plants all right. I must say they were the best plants I ever had shipped to me, and I have had some from all directions. You are correct in saying that they are different from those shipped from the east. I can recommend your plants to any one wishing to purchase.

GEO. F. MUMMA.

Douglas Co., Neb., May 2, 1893. The shipments have now all been received *by freight* and planted. I find everything complete, [except the 1,000 Wilson strawberry and 400 Snyder, for which you may remit]. I am well pleased with all your plants. I must say I think you understand your business. Those boxes were packed so nicely and plants growing as though they were in the ground.

J. J. WORTHY.

Savoy, Ill. Berry plants received today in fine condition. Abundantly satisfied. Freight charges only \$1.07. This is the best I have ever done and plants better than my friends received from Quincy, I think.

REV. H. C. ADAMS.

Oceana Co., Mich., May, 1893. Received strawberry plants and I think every one is growing. I am well satisfied; shall send my future orders to you.

GEO. W. ABLARD.

Fairfield Co., Ohio, April 25. The blackberry plants came the 22d. They were badly sprouted but better sprouted than dried up. They are fine plants.

D. BRANDT.

(These plants were shipped in March and on account of a fire on railroad way bill was burned and plants delayed. Mr. B. expected plants would be worthless.)

Silver Lake Garden, Kansas, May 22, 1893. Please send tracer after the plants, started to me the 13th, also after the shipment of the 18th to the Irrigation Co. I fear mine will be a total loss, as this is the 9th day and not here yet.

A. S. PARSONS.

May 25, 1893. My plants have arrived after a twelve day trip by freight and are all set, and I am well pleased so far. If they prove

true to name you can count on more trade from us. I have been unmercifully swindled in the past. I have bought *cheap* and have paid *fancy prices* and been served alike by both parties. At first I thought you was too *cheap* to be *honest*, but from the quality of your plants and the manner in which you pack them, I think I was mistaken as I do not believe you would be so careful with plants you knew to be worthless.

A. S. PARSONS.

Beech Grove, Marion Co., Ind., May 11, 1893. I beg to inform you that the strawberry plants arrived here all right, in splendid condition, well packed and first-class plants, especially *Parker Earle*, but all highly satisfactory.

E. McGREGOR.

O. A. E. Baldwin is kept very busy now filling orders for plants and potatoes, which he is sending out by the ton. He has from fifteen to twenty hands at work digging, packing, etc.—St. Joseph SATURDAY HERALD, Apr. 22, 1893.

O. A. E. Baldwin has had an immense sale of fruit plants of all kinds having shipped over 200,000 strawberry plants of one kind, Wartfields No. 2, besides almost all other sorts in proportion. He is now growing over 40 varieties for next year's sale.—Cor. Benton Harbor Palladium, May 15, 1893.

These are but a few of the many testimonials received.

Enquiries cheerfully answered.

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